

PETITION

OF

CITIZENS OF ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND,

PRAYING

*The passage of a law to prevent the issue and circulation of small notes
in the District of Columbia by individuals.*

JANUARY 23, 1849.

Referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia, January 24, and ordered to be printed.

*To the honorable the Senate and House of Representatives of the United
States:*

Your memorialists, merchants, and other citizens of Rockville and its vicinity, in Montgomery county, Maryland, respectfully represent, that certain individuals in the District of Columbia are in the habit of issuing notes and forcing them out as a currency; and this miserable trash has, in a great measure, taken the place in the aforesaid District and the circumjacent country for fifteen or twenty miles, of the constitutional currency of the country. Persons attending the markets in the District have generally to receive these notes or miss the sale of their marketing; thus received, they are brought in the country and paid out to others, who as unwillingly receive them, as did the market people—all parties unwillingly receive them, but acting under the law of necessity, have frequently to do so. These notes are not received by any of the banks of the District or of this State in payment of debts, nor by collectors of our State tax; and persons having payments of this description to make, have first to sell these individual notes at a sacrifice, or what is as bad in principal, and worse in effect, some of the persons issuing these bills fail, leaving the people holding them without remedy.

We pray Congress to pass a law prohibiting the issuing or putting in circulation by any means, direct or otherwise, this currency which is a fraud on any person who has to receive it.

N. Holland,
Joshua Davis,
Uriah Forrest,
George White,
John D. Poole,
John G. England,
Wm. Granger,
Samuel C. Veirs, jr.,
N. Y. Y. Sage,

Henry A. Pumphrey,
Byard C. Belt,
Geo. R. Braddock,
P. J. Connell,
James A. Shaw,
Samuel Jones,
N. R. Selby,
Wm. Veirs Bowie,
S. T. Stonestreet,

G. W. Spates,
Thomas Garrett,
Elbert Perry,
B. Betton,
Zadock Talbert,
John Bean,
Samuel C. Veirs,
A. A. Dawson,

John W. Spates,
J. Mortimer Kilgour,
John H. Higgins,
Lewis Shots,
Thomas Anderson,
J. T. Stephen,
Allen Selby.

CITIZENS OF ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND

The passage of a law to prevent the issue and circulation of such notes in the District of Columbia by individuals.

JANUARY 23, 1819.

Refered to the Committee on the District of Columbia, January 21, and ordered to be printed.

To the honorable the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States:

Your memorialists, merchants, and other citizens of Rockville and its vicinity, in Montgomery county, Maryland, respectfully represent, that certain individuals in the District of Columbia are in the habit of issuing notes and forcing them out as a currency; and this miserable trash has in a great measure, taken the place in the distant District and the surrounding country for fifteen or twenty miles, of the constitutional currency of the country. Persons attending the markets in the District have generally to receive these notes or miss the sale of their marketing; thus receiving, they are brought in the country and put out to others who are unwillingly receive them, as did the market people—all parties unwillingly receive them, but acting under the law of necessity, have frequently to do so. These notes are not received by any of the banks of the District or of this State in payment of debts, nor by collectors of our State tax; and persons having payments of this description to make, have first to sell these individual notes at a sacrifice, or what is as bad in principal, and worse in effect, some of the persons issuing these bills, leaving the people holding them without remedy.

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